(iii) Cutting of trees;

(iv) Construction of any clusters of dwelling units, farms houses, sheds, community centers, information centers and any other activity connected with such construction (including roads, a part of any infrastructure relating thereto);

(v) Electrification (laying of new transmission lines).

(b) As per the information obtained from Government of Rajasthan, in Alwar District only construction activities permissible under the Aravali Notification, 1992 are being allowed with prior environmental clearance. However, in the Gurgaon District some unauthorized constructions violating the Notification have been reported.

(c) The Government of Rajasthan have reported that afforestation is being done to restore the greenery of the area. In the Gurgaon District, greenery was restored under Aravali project implemented between 1990 to 1999.

World bank study report on resource depletion

1111. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed a recent World Bank study entitled "Where is the Wealth of Nations". highlighting *inter-alia* that resource depletion and surging population growth are draining the net savings of the Third World Countries and could cripple the future generations; and

(b) if so, the details of specific areas of concern expressed by the World Bank and fresh steps initiated to check damage to the environment and futher depletion of natural resources while taking decisions for executing various development projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal regarding environmental clearance of project

1112. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared any proposals received from Andhra Pradesh regarding environmental clearance for various projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Government have cleared 150 projects located in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years. The sector-wise details are given in the following table:

Sector	2004	2005
Industrial	8	95
Mining	19	8
River Valley & Hydrolectric Projects	–	7
Thermal Power Projects	1	–
Infrastructure & Misc. Projects	1	9
New construction Projects & Industrial Estates	-	2
TOTAL	29	121

Shrinking of Forest cover in Kerala

1113. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORETS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's forest cover is fast shrinking particularly in Kerala;

(b) whether it is also a fact that encroachment on the forest land by and large resulted in losing forest cover in most areas;

(c) if so, the details of the forest land encroached upon during the last three years in the state; and

(d) the measures Government have taken to end this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. The 'State of Forest Report-2003', a biennial report published by Forest Survey of India, has reported an increase in the forest/tree cover of the country including Kerala.

(b) Encroachment, to some extent has resulted in degradation of forests.